Response to Restriction Requirement Application No.: 10/568,809 Art Unit: 1791

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-20 and 23-28 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 4, 16, 23 and 25-28 are amended and

Claims 2, 21 and 22 are hereby canceled.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect the subject matter of

Group I (Claims 1-15) for prosecution in this application. This election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims are sufficiently related such that the

search and examination of Group I would include the search and examination of Group II. See

MPEP §803 stating that if "the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be

made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they

include claims to independent or distinct inventions." It is requested that this policy be followed

to avoid duplicative examination and undue costs to applicants.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate

extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect

to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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